

Appl. No. 09/966,391  
Amdt. Dated May 21, 2004  
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### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 – 19 were previously cancelled, claim 20 has been cancelled by this amendment and claims 21 to 35 remain in this application.

The examiner has previously acknowledged that claims 21 – 35 are directed to allowable subject matter.

The examiner has objected to Claims 21, 24 and 30 due to informalities requiring correction. Claims 21, 24 and 30 have been amended in accordance with the examiner's suggestions.

Applicant, in reviewing the claims, has noticed additional informalities and has amended the claims accordingly.

In claim 26 "the second gate oxide thickness" has been amended to refer to "the second oxide thickness", consistent with the usage of term in claim 1. Claim 28 has been amended to correct the lack of antecedent basis for the terms "the rising" and "the falling" by changing the claim to read "a rising edge and a falling edge of the system clock signal". In claim 30 the term "the output node" on line 8 has been amended to "an output node" to correct the lack of antecedent basis. Claim 31 was missing a full stop at the end of the claim. In claim 33 "the second gate oxide thickness" has been amended to refer to "the second oxide thickness", consistent with the usage of term in claim 30.

Applicant submits that no new subject matter has been added in these amendments correcting previously unnoticed claim informality errors.

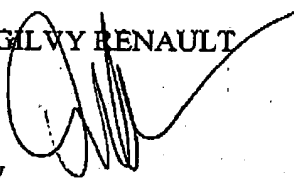
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Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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